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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-A325
Attention: WC Docket No. 18-213
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RemoteMD is pleased to reply to comments on the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) proposal to develop and implement a Connected Care Pilot Program, as defined in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

RemoteMD, a global leader in tele-medicine services, has an impressive track record in successfully implementing effective and efficient solutions in underserved, remote and rural areas worldwide. We have created an unparalleled remote medical program utilizing these key elements: Medical Control, Education and Training, Remote Environment Medical Specialists, Medical Director Oversight and Communication/Technology. Founded more than twenty years ago, RemoteMD has been involved with Telemedicine/Telehealth from its inception, providing medical expertise to the far reaches of the world, on all seven continents.

RemoteMD applauds the FCC for initiating this rulemaking process. Telemedicine is an area of healthcare, which if properly applied, can address many shortcomings of our nation's healthcare delivery system. Telemedicine has the potential to address the needs of the vast medically underserved segment of the US population. The main beneficiaries of a well-developed, meaningful telemedicine system include residents of rural areas, tribal populations, and those living in economically disadvantaged areas.

Connected Care technology will make quality healthcare accessible to millions for whom quality medical care has been out of reach. RemoteMD fully supports the Connected Care Pilot Project proposed by the FCC. This 100-million-dollar pilot project is an investment in the health and wellbeing of generations of Americans. We strongly support public comments submitted urging the FCC to expand the use of funds to include startup and wind down periods, technology updates, end-user devices, medical devices and mobile devices. Further, we support additional points for projects that focus on treating chronic health conditions and provide treatment related to health crises. We look forward to the opportunity to participate in the Connected Care Pilot program and to demonstrate the benefits of delivering quality, health care to deserving Americans via telemedicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Kotler", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Dr. Michael Kotler
Founder and Medical Director